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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT MAILED 9/1/06

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed September 1, 2006, regarding the amendment document filed July 3, 2006 with respect to the above-identified patent application.

Applicant has made the changes requested by the Examiner to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 or 1.4. The changes to the document are as follows:

1. Each claim has been provided with the proper status identifier, Claims 1-11 are now labeled – (Cancelled)– instead of (Withdrawn). Additionally, Claims 1-18 are listed together with no separating paragraphs.

2. The sections of the amendment document (Specification, Claims and Remarks) each begin on a separate sheet.

Accordingly, Applicant hereby submits the Application, as amended, for examination.